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1. SUMMARY: FRG EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON USLO OFFICER JULY 26 TO DISCUSS STUDENT EXCHANGES. HE REVEALED THAT IN A JULY 25 MEETING WITH A MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (MOE) OFFICIAL HE LEARNED THAT THE PRC HAD MADE A "HIGH LEVEL" DECISION TO PROVIDE WESTERN TECHNICAL AND ACADEMIC TRAINING FOR 10,000 PERSONS BY 1985. THE TRAINING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE U.S., ENGLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN. FOUR CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS, FROM HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO SENIOR RESEARCH PERSONNEL, WOULD BE INCLUDED, AND FOR THE FRG THE TOTAL NUMBER COULD RANGE FROM  
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100 TO 500 PERSONS. THE FRG EMBASSY OFFICER GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS DECISION HAD COME AS A SURPRISE TO THE MOE. END SUMMARY.

2. A FRG EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED PRC STUDENT EXCHANGES WITH USLO JULY 26. HE REVEALED THAT ON JULY 25 HE HAD A MEETING WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION

IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, LI CH'UNG, IN WHICH HE LEARNED THAT THE PRC HAD MADE A "HIGH LEVEL" DECISION TO PROVIDE WESTERN TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR 10,000 PEOPLE BY 1985. THIS TRAINING AND RESEARCH WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE U.S., JAPAN, CANADA, BRITAIN, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES (USLO SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT AUSTRALIA WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED).

3. IN HER PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE POTENTIAL FRG-PRC PROGRAM, LI CH'UNG DID NOT MENTION A SPECIFIC FIGURE BUT SPOKE IN TERMS OF 100, 200 OR UP TO 500 PEOPLE. THESE WOULD BE IN FOUR CATEGORIES: HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL GRADUATES, SECOND YEAR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND RESEARCHERS. LI INTIMATED THAT THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM THE EXISTING EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND WOULD REQUIRE A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PRC AND THE FRG.

4. THE FRG EMBOFF DID NOT HAVE THE EXACT FIGURES FOR THE PRESENT EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS BETWEEN THE PRC AND FRG, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT 20-25 PERSONS EXCHANGED EACH WAY EACH YEAR, INCLUDING GRADUATES AND UNDER-GRADUATES, WITH THE LATTER IN THE MAJORITY. THEY WERE IN SUCH FIELDS AS LITERATURE, LANGUAGE, HISTORY AND ECONOMICS. IN ADDITION TO THIS, THERE IS A PROGRAM FOR SHORT-TERM LANGUAGE TRAINING IN WHICH THREE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS FROM EACH COUNTRY GO TO THE OTHER NATION TO CONDUCT LANGUAGE TRAINING SEMINARS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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TWO MONTHS' DURATION. THE GERMAN INSTRUCTORS ARE DRAWN FROM THE GOETHE INSTITUTE.

5. THE FRG EMBOFF SAID THAT THE ONLY EXISTING ORGANIZATION IN THE FRG CAPABLE OF ADMINISTERING THE NEW PROGRAM WOULD BE THE GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DAAD) WHICH HANDLES THE PRESENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM. (FYI: THIS ORGANIZATION IS BELIEVED TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE FOREIGN OFFICE WITH PUBLIC MONEY.) HE MENTIONED TWO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS IN REGARD TO THIS POTENTIAL PROGRAM: GERMAN UNIVERSITIES REQUIRE CERTIFIED LANGUAGE COMPETENCE ON THE PART OF APPLICANTS BEFORE THEY ARE ADMITTED; SPACE IN GERMAN UNIVERSITIES IS LIMITED, PARTICULARLY IN PROGRAMS REQUIRING THE USE OF LABORATORY FACILITIES (AS IN SUCH FIELDS AS CHEMISTRY AND MEDICINE), AND THE ADMISSION OF MORE FOREIGN STUDENTS WOULD DEPRIVE GERMAN STUDENTS OF AVAILABLE PLACES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY, THE EMBOFF SAID THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE FOR THE FRG BECAUSE HE DID NOT ENVISION HUNDREDS OF GERMAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TRYING TO APPLY TO COME TO THE PRC FOR STUDY. HE DID, HOWEVER, SAY THAT THIS MATTER MIGHT BE RAISED WITH THE PRC AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

6. THE FRG EMBOFF SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE MOE THAT THE US HAD OR WAS ABOUT TO ARRANGE A STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC. THIS AGREEMENT WOULD INVOLVE "HUNDREDS" OF CHINESE STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE US. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT ONE OR TWO AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES HAD OFFERED TO TAKE 100-150 PRC STUDENTS. WOODCOCK

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